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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Thursday, 2 October 1997*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10.30 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Programme of work

Other matters

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-second session*

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| 10 a.m. | 21st PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Qatar

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edison James, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, Legal Affairs, Labour and Immigration of the Commonwealth of Dominica

(continued overleaf)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

Belarus

Mali

Gabon

Zambia

Marshall Islands

Liberia

3 p.m. 22nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Senegal

Iraq

Mozambique

Chad

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Côte d'Ivoire

Burundi

**Committees**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 14th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 15th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 1 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

*Subject*

Draft report: Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Chapter II (Parts VII, XI, III, XII, X and I.S.)

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 3rd meeting | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | 4th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [3] (E/CN.17/IFF/1997/2)

*Continuation of general discussion*

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Thursday, 2 October 1997*

## AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

*(Programme of work of the Second Committee)*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social Council Chamber |

## ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

*(Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers)*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

## GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES

*(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)*

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| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

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### Briefings

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of Eastern European States *today*, 2 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will brief the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States *today*, 2 October 1997, from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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### Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings from 1 to 3 October will take place at 3.30 p.m in Conference Room E, and thereafter in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Friday, 3 October 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-second session*

10 a.m. 23rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Oman

Sri Lanka

Ethiopia

Australia

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Services of Saint Lucia

Kenya

Madagascar

3 p.m. 24th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Jordan

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Lissouba, President of the Republic of the Congo.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Maldives

   Solomon Islands

   Guinea

   Rwanda

   Yemen

**Committees**

FIFTH COMMITTEE

| | | |
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| 10 a.m. | 5th meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| Morning* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

* Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

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|---|---|---|
| 10 a.m. | 16th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 1 |
| 3 p.m. | 17th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 1 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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|---|---|---|
| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal meeting to consider its programme of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The draft programme of work is available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170C).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 3rd meeting on Monday, 6 October 1997, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 4. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the approved programme contained in document A/C.4/52/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat (room S-3380, tel. 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

The Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, in order to hold elections to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

*8 October 1997*:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.1)

*December 1997*:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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## Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, under the chairmanship of Dr. Mostafa Tolba, on Friday, 3 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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## Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

# SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 1 October 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

19th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Vu Khoan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, and H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.

*Address by H.E. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone*

H.E. Alhaji Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone, addressed the General Assembly.

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Laszlo Kovacs, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary, H.E. Mr. Bizima Karaha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, H.E. Mr. Farouk Al-Sharâ, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, H.E. The Hon. Mapopa Chipeta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malawi, and H.E. Mr. Roberto Robaina González, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

20th plenary meeting

*Continuation of the general debate* [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Trivimi Velliste, Chairman of the Delegation of Estonia, H.E. The Hon. Dean O. Barrow, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for National Security, Foreign Affairs and Attorney General of Belize, H.E. Dr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the Delegation of Antigua and Barbuda, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Attaf, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Algeria, H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, H.E. Mr. Fritz Longchamp, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worships of Haiti, H.E. Dr. A. Abdullah, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Special Envoy of the President of Afghanistan, and H.E. Mr. Pierre Osho, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Benin.

The representative of Canada made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement on a point of order.

## Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

*Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations* [142]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

*United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi*

*Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets*

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Pakistan and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of these questions.

*Other matters*

The Deputy Director of the Facilities Management Division of the Office of Central Support Services made a statement in response to a question raised at the 72nd meeting of the Fifth Committee during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Indonesia.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session 1st meeting

*Opening of the session*

The session was opened by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Mrs. Monika Linn-Locher (Switzerland).

Statements were made by the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development and the Chairman of the High-level Interagency Task Force on Forests.

*Election of officers* [1]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Zimbabwe, Papua New Guinea, Canada and Venezuela, as well as by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Romania and Nigeria.

The meeting was then suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Forum on Forests elected, by acclamation, the following members of the Bureau for its organizational session: Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Illka Ristimaki (Finland) Co-Chairpersons, and Mr. Yevgeny Kuzmichev (Russian Federation) and Mr. Charles Essonghe (Gabon) Vice-Chairpersons.

It was decided to defer the election of the remaining member of the Bureau to a later time during the session.

A statement was made by the temporary Chairperson.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [2]

The Forum adopted the agenda as contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/1, as well as the programme of work contained in an informal paper.

The Forum recommended that the Centre for International Forestry Research, an intergovernmental organization, be authorized to participate in its work as an observer.

2nd meeting

Before beginning its general discussion of item 3, general statements were made by the representative of Colombia and the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

*Programme of work of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests* [3]

The Forum began its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Venezuela, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, New Zealand, Brazil, Australia, India, China, Canada, Switzerland and Papua New Guinea.

Statements were also made by the observers for Nigeria, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77), New Zealand, Costa Rica, Norway and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union).

A statement was also made by the observer of Sierra Club, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Eco- nomic and Social Council.

The Co-Chairperson made a statement summarizing the discussion under the item.

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**Convention on the Rights of the Child**

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1997

412th and 413th meetings

*Consideration of reports of States parties* [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of the Czech Republic (CRC/C/11/Add.11).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the represen- tatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 September 1996*

*Signature*: Maldives (1 October 1997)

*Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, adopted at the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties at Geneva on 22 September 1995*

*Approval*: European Community (30 September 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

Material for insertion in the *Journal* should be addressed to Room S-1138 (extensions 33888, 36771 and 36776) (e.mail address: JOURNAL@UN.ORG)

*Office opens at 4.30 p.m.*

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